

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/525,015
Confirmation Number	5025
Filing Date	February 17, 2005
First Named Inventor	Noboru YAMAJI
Group Art Unit	1654
Examiner Name	Andrew D. Kosar
Matter Number	Q86324
Title	AN AGENT FOR INHIBITING ARTICULAR CARTILAGE EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX DEGRADATION

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
previously filed on January 10, 2007
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a  
period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 and all required fees, except  
for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said  
Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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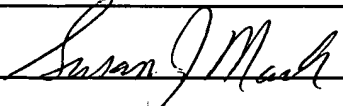
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**SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY**

Name Susan J. Mack Registration No. 30,951

Signature  Date February 27, 2007